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Livestock—Improvement—Livestock Improvement Scheme—Implementation in the selected firkas and centres—Proposals—Modified and sanctioned.

READ.—the following papers :—

From the Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras, dated 25th November 1948, Roc. No. 3601/IV/48.
From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, dated 7th December 1948, Rc. No. 52334/48-G.

Order—No. 1052, Firka Development, dated 25th November 1949.

The Government have examined the various schemes for the production of improved breeds of cattle and consider that the "Village Livestock Improvement Scheme" submitted by the Director of Animal Husbandry with his Roc. No. 3179-IV/46-2, dated 27th June 1946 may be adopted with certain modifications in the place of scheme No. 16 in the five-year plan. It was originally proposed to introduce the scheme in all the 34 firkas and centres selected for intensive rural reconstruction work on a co-operative basis in 12 firkas and centres and to implement the scheme in the remaining 22 firkas and centres through the Department of Animal Husbandry. The Government have carefully considered these proposals and have decided that in view of the present financial stringency and of the fact that the policy of the Government regarding livestock development has not yet been laid down, the scheme may be introduced in the first instance only in four firkas—two being run by the Co-operative Department and the other two being managed by the Department of Animal Husbandry. It has been pointed out that the selection of these four centres should be so regulated that concentrated breeding operations and improvement of livestock with a view to develop Halikar, Ongole, Kangayam and Amblacheri breeds of cattle could be proceeded with at least in one firka in their home tracts. The Government accordingly direct that the scheme should be worked out on co-operative lines in the Ongole and Palladam firkas of the Guntur and Coimbatore districts respectively and that the scheme should be managed by the Department of Animal Husbandry in the Alur and Saliamangalam firkas in the Bellary and Tanjore districts respectively.

2. At each of the two centres selected for working the scheme by the Co-operative Department, three bulls should be entrusted for maintenance to reliable selected breeders. The bulls should be admitted to the premium scheme, 50 per cent of the premium being reserved by the society to meet the working expenses and the balance of 50 per cent being passed on to the custodian, who maintains the bulls. The custodian will be free to charge a fee for the services of the bull and he should be allowed to retain the entire service fees for himself to meet the maintenance charges. The service fee should be fixed by the Department of Animal Husbandry at a rate which would make it unnecessary to increase the premium paid by the Government to the custodian. The scheme in each of the two firkas should be supervised by a Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies whose employment is sanctioned in paragraph 5 below.

3. As regards the working of the Scheme through the Department of Animal Husbandry, a compact area consisting of a village or villages should be selected containing about 300 cows of breeding-age. Three breeding bulls obtained from a Government farm or an approved breeder should be stationed in the area and maintained at Government cost. The breeding bulls and the breeding operations should be under the control of the Department of Animal Husbandry. No service fee should be charged on account of the services performed by the bulls.

4. The general features of the scheme worked out departmentally and through co-operative societies should be that all the other male stock in the area should be castrated and only the services of the bulls should be made available to the cows. The animals in the area should be protected against Rinderpest and other diseases, the cows and the progeny should be tatooed and necessary records with regard to breeding, pedigree, etc., should be maintained. As the Ongole firka in the Guntur district and the Palladam firka in the Coimbatore district where the scheme will have to be worked out on co-operative lines are located in the breeding tracts, the breeders may be given a reasonable assurance that all suitable male stock will be purchased either by the Government or by co-operative societies, in order to encourage the cattle breeders in those areas to bring up the male calves properly. In the areas where the scheme will be worked out by the Department of Animal Husbandry, i.e. in the Alur firka of Bellary District and the Salimangalam firka of Tanjore District which lie in non-breeding tracts, in order to induce the ryots not to sell their heifer calves and to maintain them well, a subsidy of Rs 5 (Rupees five only) per mensem per heifer calf should be paid for two years commencing from the seventh month. The payment should, however, be confined to fifty heifer-calves only per centre. This subsidy should be continued until the fourth generation, when it should be stopped and then as in the case of breeding tracts, assurance may be given to the breeders for the purchase of all suitable male stock. The Director of Animal Husbandary is requested to formulate and submit in due course detailed *ad hoc* rules for the payment of subsidy and for ensuring that the subsidy paid is properly utilized.

5 Sanction is accorded to the employment of two Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies for a period of one year from the date of appointment to implement the Scheme, through the Co-operative Department. These Inspectors should be trained for a period not exceeding six weeks at the Hosur farm or at Guntur. The training should be according to a syllabus approved by the Director of Animal Husbandry and should be with a view to train the Inspectors in the methods of maintenance of the livestock, rendering them medical aid in case of need, etc.

6 Sanction is also accorded for the incurring of the following items of expenditure in these centres :—

A. Co-operative Side.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Non-recurring —			
Cost of training two Senior Inspectors.	480	0	0
Cost of sheds at Rs. 1,000 per centre.	2,000	0	0
Cost of six bulls at Rs. 1,000 each (three per centre).	6,000	0	0
Cost of Veterinary outfit at Rs. 400 per centre.	800	0	0
Recurring per annum —			
Medicines (both centres)	200	0	0
Premium for bulls (both centres) ..	1,200	0	0

B. Animal Husbandry Department Side.

Non-recurring —			
Cost of sheds, store-room and service yard—at Rs. 4,000 per centre.	8,000	0	0
Cost of bulls at Rs. 1,000 each (3 per centre).	6,000	0	0
Furniture, Veterinary outfit, etc., at Rs. 400 per centre.	800	0	0

B. Animal Husbandry Department Side—*cont.*

	Rs.	A.	P.
Recurring per annum :—			
Medicines (both centres)	200	0	0
Premium for bulls	1,200	0	0
Subsidy for heifer-calves (both centres).	6,000	0	0
Repairs to sheds, lighting, etc ..	200	0	0

7 The expenditure on the Scheme should be debited to a separate sub-head of appropriation "Village Livestock Improvement Scheme" to be opened under "25. w. General Administration—Miscellaneous—H. Postwar Reconstruction—Expenditure from the Fund for Village Reconstruction and Harijan Uplift (Madras)." The expenditure on the pay and allowances of the two Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies should be debited to the detailed heads 'Pay of Establishment' and 'Allowances' under the same sub-head. The expenditure on other items should be debited to a detailed head "Other Charges."

8 The Accountant-General is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Director of Animal Husbandry are requested to provide the funds required by reappropriation or by obtaining additional appropriation.

9 The Director of Animal Husbandry and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies are requested to take necessary steps for implementing the scheme forthwith.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M. S. Jagannayakulu,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras.
" the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.
" the Collectors of Guntur, Coimbatore, Bellary and Tanjore Districts.
" the Accountant-General, Madras (through the Finance Department.
Copy to the Development Department (2 copies).
" the Finance Department.

Copy to the Regional Firka Development Officers (North) and (South).
" all other Collectors, except the Collector of Madras, for information.
" the Director of Information and Publicity, Madras.
" the Firka Development Officers concerned.
" the F. D. I. section for further action, with reference to paragraph 4 of the draft.